(e) if so, what are the details in this regard and the steps taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) while the production of finished steel in public sector remained more and less constant, the production of steel by private sector has been increasing as indicated below :

(In million tonnes)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Public Sector	8.8	8.5	8.54	7.64	8.53
Private Sector	12.6	14.2	14.83	16.18	18.18
TOTAL:	21.4	22.7	23.37	23.82	26.71

(c) After liberalisation of the steel industry, the production of various kinds of steel is driven by market forces and no guidelines are issued in this regard by the Government. The main producers of steel in the public and private sector plan their production based on the market demand projections. Government has however taken several steps to increase the production of steel such as modernisation and expansion of public sector steel plants, adoption of various policy measures to encourage creation of additional steel production capacity in the private sector.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Objective of Tribal Sub-Plan

*147. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the concept, aims and objects of Tribal Sub-Plan;

(b) the role of Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) and Tribal Development Blocks in Tribal Sub-Plan;

(c) whether Government are aware of the formation, powers and functions of District Government in the State of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) the role of or validity of (a) Tribal Sub-Plan, (b) ITDP and (c) Tribal Development Blocks under the system of District Governments in the State of Madhya Pradesh and *Vice-Versa*?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The concept of Tribal Sub-Plan evolved in the Fifth Five Year Plan envisages total developmental efforts of Scheduled Tribes for delineated areas with pool resources from (i) State Plan (ii) investment by Central Ministries, (iii) Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan and (iv) Institutional Finance. The main objectives under Tribal Sub- Plan strategy are:

(a) Socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes and;

(b) Protection against exploitation through legal and administrative support.

(c) The Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDPs) have been conceived as operational unit with a view to achieve administrative, organizational and financial integration of the area and programmes for speedier development of STs. The constituent block of ITDPs formulate its Five Year Plan with annual phasing in the context of natural resource endowment, occupation and skills of the people, infrastructure and human requirements etc. The block plans are intermeshed, coordinated and aggregated at the ITDP level taking and over view of the entire project area. The interweaving of the sectoral programmes taken place at block level as well at ITDP level.

(c) As per the report of the State Government, under Panchayat Raj System the process of decentralization is under way. Wide powers have been given to Zila/Janapad Panchayats and at Integrated Tribal Development Project Level 'Pariyojana Salahkar Mandal' have been organized ensuring representation of public representatives. The Pariyojnal Salahkar Mandals have been vested with the powers to sanction local development works upto Rs 10 lakh and select agencies for construction works. Like-wise for the 'Primative Tribal Groups' 16 Abhikarans have been constituted in the districts in which the population of Special Primitive Tribal Groups (SPTGs) is more than 20000. The Chairman of the Abhikaran will be from the SPTGs themselves.

(d) The role of Tribal sub-Plan strategy under which Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDPs) are functioning for the overall development of Scheduled Tribes and Tribal Areas is valid under the Panchayati Raj System to give focused attention for welfare and development of scheduled Tribes. This will ensure peoples' participation to oversee the implementation of various schemes and programmes in TSP areas.